

Minutes of the Finance Meeting held 9th January 2023 at 7pm in the Jubilee suite Dale.

1. Present/Apologies

Present – Daniel Jones, Lyn Jones, Chris Millership, Peter Morgan, Paul Garnish.

2. Budget

Councillors met to discuss the budget for 2023/2024. With the current financial crisis every effort has been made to ensure that the precept will not increase unless necessary. Most payments have been agreed to stay the same. However, the contribution to the Coronation Hall was agreed to be reduced from £250 to £100. The amount was originally set at a time when the Hall was not as successful as it is now. It was felt that £100 will cover the usage of the Hall from the 6 meetings held per year.

The insurance was agreed to remain, but a copy of the policy needs to be circulated in order for Cllrs to check things like public liability and public events.

The amount for the Wreath from the RBL is to be checked by Peter Morgan that the amount covers the cost, it is believed it does, but it has remained the same amount for years.

The Clerk's salary has been budgeted at £2,000 which should be more than enough.

Election cost – all were happy that if a mid term vacancy arises, co-opting is possible without the need to have an election. It is hoped that all future elections can coincide with general/county elections and so the cost will be kept to the minimum. If however this could not be avoided and the Community Council had to cover the cost of one, there is savings already in the bank and there is period of 5 years grace to pay the bill.

The King's Coronation – it was agreed to set aside an amount of £200 in order to mark the Coronation by way of a gift for the children of the village. Clerk was asked to contact Marloes and St. Ishmaels Councils to see if they have anything in mind.

With the changes in mind, all were happy to keep the budget the same for the year end 2024 at £4,200.00.